Celebration of Life

Superintendent Kelly Smith

May 10, 1922
February 17, 2015

The Man
Preacher
Prayer Warrior
Teacher
Pastor
Husband
Father

THE MAN

Kelly Smith was born May 10, 1922 to the union of Charles and Ola Smith in El Dorado, Arkansas. Kelly is the third of eight siblings. Unknown to him, preaching would become the reason for his existence.

When Kelly was 25 years old, he and his brother Curtis moved to the Bay Area and settled in San Jose where Kelly was employed as a butcher for the San Jose Meat Packing Company.

In 1948, he visited Prayer Garden, a little store-front Pentecostal church pastored by Elder M. Mathis. There he was saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was Prayer Garden where he met a young lady, Vila Mae Alexander and married that same year.

Brother Smith was a faithful Christian. He joined the church choir and formed a Gospel quartet known as the Starlight Singers. They were the first African-American group to sing on a local radio broadcast at the De Anza Hotel and throughout California.

The Lord called Brother Smith to the ministry in 1956 and was later appointed Junior Church Pastor of Prayer Garden.

In 1962, Elder Smith founded the Friendship Church of God in Christ. The membership grew so large that Pastor Smith wanted to be a full-time pastor and build a new church. "The Lord" showed him how to design and construct that edifice.

PREACHER

Elder Smith was a powerful evangelist traveling throughout the South and Midwest preaching, healing, and winning many souls for Christ. His evangelistic traveling and preaching continued after he became a pastor. The Friendship congregation experienced frequent revivals throughout the year. Before he began his sermons, he would sing usually accompanied by award winning Friendship choir. Pastor Smith was "a singing and preaching machine."

PRAYER WARRIOR

Supt. Smith believed in prayer which led him to begin noon day prayer services that continue today. He was a man of faith who prayed for whoever needed prayer.

TEACHER

Pastor Smith was a man who believed in teaching the Word of God. As a Bible teacher Pastor Smith loved Sunday School and his specialty was "catechizing" the lesson. For him the lively discussions in Y.P.W.W. were times of spiritual instruction and sometimes joyous laughter. Members loved to be a part of his Pastoral Teaching on Tuesday nights. He would often say, "Get in the Word and stay there."

PASTOR

Supt. Smith was a shepherd and spiritual father. He labored with his congregants supplying prayer, counseling, financial assistance, and legal support. Pastor Smith is a true example of what a caring, living, and wise pastor exemplifies.

HUSBAND AND FATHER

When First Lady Vila Mae Smith left this earth, Supt. Kelly Smith married Helen Smith 26 years ago. He remained faithful to his wife and children till the end. Supt. Smith leaves behind his wife, Helen Smith. Father of 6 **Biological Children:** Ernestine Thompson (deceased), Naomi Hammonds (Kenneth), Kelly Lee, Paul Hurrah, Timothy, and Na Ruth Smith. **Adopted Children:** Mildred Wilson and Alpha Cooper. **Grandchildren:** Donnie Morgan, Tony Avant, Suniqua Thompson, Xavier Lamar, Timothy (Tee), Thurston, Sabrina Elaine Smith, Chara Angela Kristine, and Dorielle Ashante Hammonds. Supt. Smith has **14 great- grandchildren**, **3 great-great grandchildren**, 5 **god-children** and **Grand pop's little angel**, Jessy Hernandez. **Blended family members:** Karen and Vernon Hartwell and LaToya Schiller. He also leaves to mourn **3 sisters:** Rosa Lee Richards, Ressie Lee Jackson, and Edna Mathis. Four of his siblings preceded him in death. Supt. Smith is blessed to have so many nieces and nephews, and cousins spanning over 4 generations.

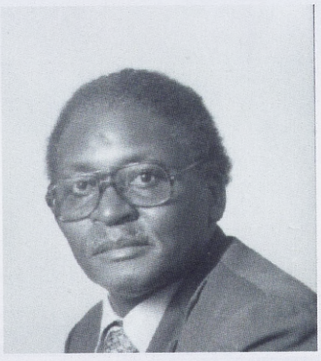
See the "**Celebration of Life Website**" – **kenhammonds.com/SuptKSmith.html** for a copy of this program booklet; more historical pictures; a link to the 50th Anniversary & 90th Birthday Celebration booklet and San Jose Mercury News Article; and a special video clip of Supt. Smith at a small gathering on his 92nd Birthday where he is singing and praising God.

Celebration of Life, Supt. Kelly Smith,
Founder of Friendship Church of God in Christ

Family and Friends Remembering a Great Man of God
Friday, February 27, 2015

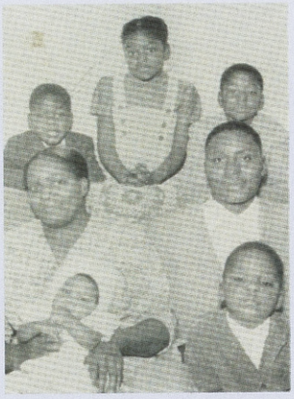
Program Facilitator.....Dr. Kenneth Hammonds, West Angeles Church
Musical Prelude.....Pilgrim Church Music Ministry
Processional.....Family and Church Members
Remain Standing
Prayer.....Supt. Leo Smith, Grace Temple Church
Scriptures: Old and New Testament..... Pastor Patrice MucCular,
New Covenant Tabernacle Church
Praise and Worship..... Evangelist Jackie Bates, Prayer Garden Church
Glimpse of the Past.....1st Lady R. Cameron, Genesis Church, Sister-in-law

Meet our Trustee Board



First Choir of Prayer Garden

Praise Salute.....Supt. Kelly Smith Memorial Choir
Expressions (3 min.).....Church and District Members
Expressions (3 min.).....Former San Jose District Miss'y G. Campbell,
Assistant Supervisor No. CA 1st Jurisdiction, Menlo Park Church
Praise Salute..... Supt. Kelly Smith Memorial Choir
Expressions (3 min.)..... Extended Family Members
Memories..... Grand and Great-Grand Children
Family Tribute..... Naomi Smith Hammonds, West Angeles Church



Resolutions.....District Miss'y Darnice Irving, Redwood City Church
Acknowledgements.....Sis. Karen Pleasant, Greater White Rose Church
Scroll of Life.....Read Silently
Sermonic Selection..... Sis. Connie McLain, Glad Tidings Church
Message..... Supt. J.Q. Jones, Greater Love Church

Celebration of Life Services

For

SUPT. KELLY SMITH

Reported for Duty
May 10, 1922

Final Promotion
February 17, 2015

Theme: A Dedicated Soldier of the Lord
Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:7:
"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."

Prayer Garden COGIC
651 N. 6th Street San Jose, CA 95112

Jurisdictional Celebration
February 28, 10:00 AM

Bishop Robert R. Carr, The Celebrant
Prelate, Greater Northern California 2nd Jurisdiction

Celebration Facilitator

Supt. Dr. J. Logan,
Greater Northern California 2nd Jurisdiction,
2nd Administrative Assistant

VIEWING

Beginning at 9:00 AM ~ Ending at 10:00 AM

Musical Prelude..... Jurisdictional Music Department

PROCESSIONAL

Bishop, Visiting Bishops,
Administrative Assistants, Executive Board,
State Officials, Superintendents, Elders & The Family

Final Glimpse Until Glory..... Jones Mortuary
Sealing of the Bier.....The Children

PREPARATION FOR REST

THE ADJUTANTS

Prayer for Strength and Comfort.....Pastor Al Williams

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament..... Elder Ron Darden, Psalm 91:1-4
New Testament..... Elder Anthony Brown, Revelation 22:1-3
Ministry of Music..... Sister Gwen Davis

STATEMENTS OF TRIBUTE AND CONSOLATION

Jurisdictional Women's Department..... Mother Emma Person
Pastors ..... Supt. Sherman Harris
Jurisdictional Auxiliaries ..... Elder Bradford
Area Bishops .....Bishop Donald Murray
Bishop Albert Galbraith
Tribute .....Dr. Kenneth Hammonds

MUSICAL SELECTION

Supt. Kelly Smith Memorial Choir

RESOLUTIONS

Friendship COGIC .....1st Lady Jackie Odom
San Jose District ..... District Missionary Darnice Irving
Greater Northern California 2nd Department of Women..... Mother Emma Person
Greater Northern California 2nd ..... Supt. L. James
Acknowledgement of Cards/Telegrams..... Sister Karen Pleasant

THE SCROLL OF LIFE

Silent Reading

Presentation of the Messenger..... Supt. B.T. Turner 1st Admin. Assistant

Sermonic Selection..... Sister Laurian Scott

PROCLAMATION OF HOPE

Bishop Robert Richard Carr

Prelate, Greater Northern California 2nd Jurisdiction

MUSICAL RECESSIONAL

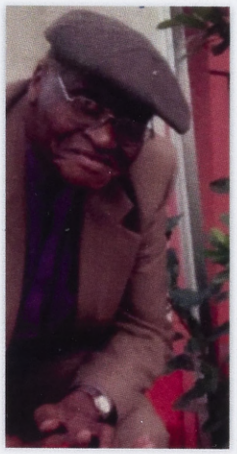
INTERNMENT PRIVATE

Active Pallbearers

Elder Marcus Shoals
Pastor Nathaniel Riley
Pastor Milton Mathis
Elder Lorenzo Lowery
Elder Rickey Jones
Elder Leroy Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Supt. Paul Bates
Supt. Sherman Harris
Deacon Charles Ford
Supt. Leo Smith
Deacon Bobby Lee
Deacon Harold Johnson
Pastor Julio Valdez
Mr. Kelly L. Smith



"Honey, I'll see you over in glory."
Love, Sweets

Supt. Smith received numerous awards and commendations for his untiringly efforts to promote Christian values. He lived the life that God is calling for in these last and evil days.

His accomplishments include:
Architecture and Builder of Friendship Church
Honored in the San Jose Mercury News for 50 years of Pastoring
Instrumental in establishing a community Food Bank and Computer Center
District Superintendent of the San Jose District
2nd Administrative Assistant of Northern California First Jurisdiction
1st Administrative Assistant of Greater Northern California Second Jurisdiction
Member of Local and State Committees and Boards

On behalf of the family of Supt, Kelly Smith, there are no words to express how thankful we are for your support. Your prayers have truly been felt and your presence is appreciated.
We say THANK YOU and may God Bless You.

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